

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-14, 17, and 21-41 are pending in the Application. Claims 26-41 are newly added with this amendment. Claims 1 and 26 are independent. Applicants note that the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the Office Action, the Examiner has maintained the obviousness rejections previously set forth in the February 5, 2004 Office Action. Without agreeing to the propriety of the Examiner's obviousness rejections, Applicants have rewritten claims 1-3, 7-14, 17 and 21-25 to include the limitations previously identified in claim 6. Similarly, newly added claim 26 was rewritten to include the limitations previously identified in claim 21. Newly added claims 27-41 depend from claim 26.

Applicants believe the pending claims are allowable over the cited art and respectfully request a notice of allowability. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies that may be associated with this filing to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2862. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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